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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 4392

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CS

SUBJECT: GOCR OFFICIAL SUGGESTS DIPLOMATIC INVOLVEMENT IN
COUP PLOT

REF: SAN JOSE 4371

1. THE AFTERNOON TABLOID LA HORA UNDER A FULL BACK-PAGE HEADLINE ENTITLED, "THE PRESIDENT WILL ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY," QUOTED MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY AND FIGUERES CRONY GONZALO SOLORZANO WITH FURTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THE ALLEGED PLOT AGAINST THE FIGUERES ADMINISTRATION (SEE REFTEL). SOLORZANO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE PLOT HAD BEEN EXHAUSTIVELY INVESTIGATED, BUT "THE RULE IN THESE CASES IS FOR EVERYTHING TO REMAIN OBSCURE." HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE PLAN IS FINANCED BY THE CIA OR THE KGB."

2. SOLORZANO REPORTEDLY WENT ON TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT
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FIGUERES MUST ASSESS THE SITUATION AND DECIDE, IN THE

BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, IF HE SHOULD EXPEL A
DIPLOMATIC OFFICIAL FROM THE COUNTRY EVEN WITHOUT COMPLETE
PROOFS AND COOL RELATIONS WITH A FRIENDLY NATION OR ACT IN A
CONTRARY MANNER TO BENEFIT THE COUNTRY.

3. COMMENT: SOLORZANO'S REPORTED SUGGESTION THAT DIPLOMATIC
OFFICIALS ARE UP TO SOMETHING RELATED TO THE ALLEGED ANTI-
GOVERNMENT PLOT MAY BE ONLY A GIMMICK BY FIGUERES TO SELL HIS
NEWSPAPER, BUT FOR WHATEVER REASON THE TECHNIQUE CONCERNS US
DEEPLY. THE AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO
PERSONALLY TO ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE ALLEGATION,
PARTICULARLY AS THE SUGGESTION OF DIPLOMATIC INVOLVEMENT WHEN
READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DECEMBER 10 PLOT STORY IS LIKELY TO
BE INTERPRETED AS INVOLVING THE US EMBASSY.
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